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3. Mr. Houston mentioned that the Executive Pay Bill is disarray.

4. Mr. Echols reported on the Kennedy Library Fund. In this unofficial but sanctioned drive the Agency has raised \$1298 so far. General Carter says that he does not insist on one hundred percent voluntary contributions but everybody should have a chance to give.

5. Mr. Bannerman reported on the Agency appearances before Congressional committees to report on our polygraph program.



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6.  talked briefly on measures taken in the Clandestine Services to tighten security as a result of "The

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Invisible Government". After he had talked a short time, General Carter asked Mr. Kirkpatrick to first discuss "The Invisible Government" so the cart would not come before the horse.

7. Mr. Kirkpatrick had these points to make about "The Invisible Government".

He said that it is not clear from reading "The Invisible Government" whether the head of the "invisible government" is the President of the United States or the DCI.

Those who had made a careful study of the book believe that the authors wrote the book by first going through the morgues of leading newspapers to find any reference to intelligence or the CIA. With these articles as a base, they then bird-dogged anybody who would talk on these subjects.

The book will get publicity. Those who do not like us will play it up. It is possible that the contents of the book may be part of a political campaign.



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There is no question whatsoever that this book will give aid and comfort to Moscow, Peking, Prague, etc.

8. Mr. Kirkpatrick had this to say about responding to inquiries about the book:

About a year ago the DCI saw Mr. Ross and Mr. Wise and asked if he could review the book before publication. Ross and Wise chose not to submit the book to the DCI for review and it was first seen by Agency personnel in its galley proof form. The DCI did see Mr. Wise and Mr. Ross after the book was in galley proof form but it was too late to make the changes the Agency personnel considered desirable.

The book will certainly assist those who think that CIA is a sinister organization.

Unfortunately, there is not much we can do about the book. We will have to ride with the punch. To openly fight the book in the courts, as the Justice Department suggests we might be able to do under the Espionage Act, would only serve to give the book vast publicity, increase its readership, and consequently the harm it does.

We should bear in mind that the real security violators are not Wise and Ross but those individuals who talked to them.

In discussing the book the Agency employees should stress the Agency has very tight internal controls. Our external controls come from higher authority and approval for important action is given in advance.

Mr. Kirkpatrick mentioned the inter-agency task force which had studied "The Invisible Government" found about 200 mistakes and about 100 "indiscretions".

9. Mr. Kirkpatrick then mentioned "The Bay of Pigs". This book is reasonably restrained considering that its authors spent months in jail. The Agency comes out second best. The most serious charge is that a CIA officer told the Cuban leaders to go ahead and make the landing anyway if the U. S. Government tried to call the operation off. This statement appears practically absurd to any thinking individual since the U. S. Navy would be on hand to oppose such action.

10. Mr. Kent who is something of an expert on book analysis is convinced that the first chapter of "The Invisible Government" was written after the book was finished. The book was originally written as an expose of CIA, Mr. Kent believes, and its theme was switched to the "invisible government" idea which included DOD, State and the White House, along with CIA, as being involved in the diabolical plot.

11. General Carter stressed that the need-to-know principle must be enforced since many of our classified papers still go to people who don't need to know or wouldn't know what to do even if they did see the papers.

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12. Finally, Mr. Kirkpatrick mentioned the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board meeting on Thursday, 4 June.

The discussion of NRO was deferred.

Jack Smith gave an intelligence roundup.

The DCI discussed Southeast Asia, the Chinese Mainland and Cuba.

The DCI also discussed counter-audio and the Honolulu meeting.



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